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SUBJ: GVN-PRG BILATERALS: SCHEDULING THE 31ST PLENARY

REF: USDEL JEC PARIS 30143

1. WE ASKED PHONG, ACTING CHIEF, GVNDEL, WHETHER THE LATTER HAD YET RESPONDED TO THE PRG PROPOSAL FOR A PLENARY DECEMBER 6. (THIS PROPOSAL WAS ISSUED IN A PRG PRESS STATEMENT THIS WEEK ANNOUNCING THE PRG BOYCOTT OF THE AGREED NOVEMBER 30 PLENARY). PHONG ANSWERED THAT THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAD ASKED HIM TO SUGGEST POSTPONING THE PLENARY UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY, BECAUSE OF A NATION-WIDE GNEERAL STRIKE TAKING PLACE DECEMBER 6.

2. PHONG COMMENTED THAT IT WAS TYPICAL OF THE PRG EGOCENTRISM TO HAVE IGNORED OR DISREGARDED A LONG-AND WELL-PUBLICIZED PROTEST ACTION BY ITS COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST SYMPATHIZERS. GVNDEL WAS "IN NO HURRY" TO COUNTERPROPOSE A DEC 7 MEETING AND WOULD NOT DO SO UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

3. PHONG MENTIONED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BAC IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PARIS DECEMBER 2 AND TO VISIT SEVERAL EUROPEAN CAPITALS AFTERWARDS. BAC'S VISIT WAS NOT RELATED TO THE BILATERALS, ACCORDING TO PHONG,WHO HAD

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